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Al-Wahy (The Divine Revelation)

After Huda finished her 'Isha' prayer, she took out the Qur'ân and read some Verses. It was her habit to do this after every prayer. She closed the Qur'ân and then put it back in its special place.

She then sat musing. The Qur'ân is the Word of Allâh the Almighty, and His Messenger Muhammad ﷺ is the one who taught us the Qur'ân. But how did the Qur'ân reach our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ? When? And where?

Huda thought for a long time without reaching an answer. She then went to her cousin Samir and asked him, "We know that the Qur'ân is the Word of Allâh, and our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the one who brought the Qur'ân to us. But how was the Qur'ân revealed to our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ? When? And How?"

Samir said, "I'll tell you. The Qur'ân came

down to our Prophet ﷺ by *Wahy*.”

Huda then asked, “But what is *Wahy*?”

Samir said, “Oh, you are very persistent. You want to know which chicken laid which egg and where the chicken came from. You must believe that the Noble Qur’ân was brought down to our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ by *Wahy* and you don’t have to know more than this. Don’t you know that it is forbidden to ask about anything in religion. Religion is taken by faith only.”

Huda said, “You are wrong Samir. I must know everything in the religion. Besides, it is not prohibited to ask questions.”

“No, it is prohibited,” said Samir.

“No, it is not. Let’s go and ask my father,” said Huda.

They both went to her father’s room. Her father was in the middle of writing an article

for a science magazine. She knocked at the door and he told her to come in. She and Samir went in, and then she said apologetically, “I hope we are not bothering you, father!”

“No, my daughter, what do you both want?” her father asked.

“I asked my cousin Samir how the Qur’ân was brought down to the Messenger Muhammad ﷺ. He told me that it was brought down by *Wahy*. Then I asked about *Wahy* and he said that it is prohibited to ask about everything in religion and we should believe without asking questions. Is this true?” Huda asked.

Her father replied, “No, Samir. The religion should be understood. Everything in our religion, Islam, is known and understood. It is not allowed for anyone to stay ignorant of any of the facts of the religion. A person should

ask, read books and learn. Our religion, my children, is great and we should know everything about it. Now, sit so I may tell you the story of the revelation of the Noble Qur'ân to our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.”

“The Noble Qur'ân was brought down to our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ through the angel of *Wahy*, I mean the angel Jibreel عليه السلام. Jibreel used to come to Allâh's Messenger Muhammad ﷺ in two forms. Sometimes he would come secretly and make a sound like the ringing of a bell, so the Prophet ﷺ would be ready to listen to the *Wahy* (Revelation).”

“Did you say like the ringing of a bell?” asked Samir.

“Yes, it sounded like a bell ringing.” said Huda's father.

“But how did our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ understand the *Wahy*?” asked Huda.

Her father replied, “Jibreel would come to him and recite the Verse. The Prophet ﷺ then learned it and memorized it.”

Huda asked, “Did the Companions hear the sound of *Wahy*, I mean the bell ringing, father?”

“Yes, but they used to hear it like the buzzing of bees,” her father replied. “And sometimes Jibreel would take the form of a man in clean clothing. Two times he came looking like one of the Prophet's Companions, with a handsome face called Dihyah Al-Kalbi. He taught Allâh's Messenger the Verses of the Qur'ân and other words of wisdom, then he would leave. He came once looking like a bedouin in bright white clothes with black hair. The Companions saw him, but did not recognize him. He asked Allâh's Messenger ﷺ some questions and the Messenger ﷺ answered him. Then he left. After he left, Allâh's Messenger ﷺ asked his Companions,

